

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Claims 1-8 and 11-15, 17 and 19-21 remain in this application, where claims 1, 6 and 11 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, claim 18 has been canceled without prejudice and its features included in independent claims 1, 6 and 11. Accordingly, no new issues requiring a new search have been introduced and entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-8, 17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0029900 (Wimberger) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0157247 (Li). Further, claim 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,219,640 (Gazit) in view of Wimberger. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Wimberger in view of Li and U.S. Patent

Application Publication No. 2003/0195020 (Kubo). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8 and 11-15, 17 and 19-21 are patentable over Wimberger, Li, Gazit and Kubo for at least the following reasons.

On page 5 of the Final Office Action, it is correctly noted that Wimberger and Li do not disclose or suggest the features of claim 18 (which are currently included in independent claims 1, 6 and 11), namely, that the body has a recess at the side part, and that a portion of the conductors lie in the recess. Paragraph [0066] of Kubo is cited in an attempt to remedy the deficiencies in Wimberger and Li.

Kubo is directed to a portable telephone set that includes a case having first and second opposite sides, a group of keys is located on the first side, and a card loading mechanism. As shown in FIG 3 and recited in Paragraph [0066]:

the printed wiring board unit 36 has a flexible printed circuit board used to attach the housing 51 thereto. The flexible printed circuit board 60 extending from the inside of the printed wiring board unit 36 is folded and adheres to the upper surface of the unit 36. A plurality of lands 61 are provided to the flexible printed circuit board 60 so as to have an arrangement which corresponds to the terminal portions 51b-2. Holes 62 are formed in the upper surface of the

unit 36 and the board 60 so that the positions of the holes 62 correspond to those of the bosses 51a-1a and 51a-1b. (Emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that Wimberger, Li, Kubo, and combination thereof, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 6 and 11 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the body includes a front part, a rear part and a side part between the front part and the rear part, the body having a recess at the side part, and wherein a portion of the conductors lie in the recess.

Conductors that lie in a recess at the side part are nowhere disclosed or suggested in Wimberger, Li and Kubo, alone or in combination. Rather, Kubo merely discloses a flexible board 60 which is folded and adheres to the upper surface of the Kubo unit 36. Gazit is cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Wimberger, Li and Kubo.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1, 6 and 11 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 7-8 and 12-15, 17 and 19-22 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent


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claims 1, 6 and 11, as well as their individually patentable elements.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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